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Act No. 40 (S.96). Media, journalism, privileges

An act relating to a news media privilege

This act establishes a two-tier privilege for journalists. Under the first tier, a court or other body with subpoena power is prohibited from compelling a journalist from disclosing a confidential source, or news or information obtained in confidence. Under the second tier, a body with subpoena power can only compel the disclosure of nonconfidential news or information if the party seeking disclosure can establish, by clear and convincing evidence, specified factors.

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